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Gov. McCrory Appoints Nick Tennyson Secretary of Transportation



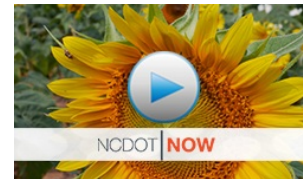
In early August, Governor Pat McCrory announced the appointment of Nick Tennyson as the new Secretary of the North Carolina Department of Transportation. Tennyson previously served as Chief Deputy Secretary since March 2013 and succeeds Tony Tata.

"Nick Tennyson is the perfect choice to continue the momentum we have made in North Carolina's transportation strategy," said Governor McCrory. "He has been involved in planning all of our key transportation strategies over the last two and half years, and is equipped to hit the ground running to continue our progress."

Secretary Tennyson and the NCDOT team will continue to focus on expanding and safely maintaining our transportation network through the Governor's 25 Year Vision, support new funding strategies including the bonds to Connect NC, strengthen our ports to make our state more globally competitive and deliver other infrastructure projects to help grow the state's economy and create jobs. [Learn More](#)

I-485/I-85 Turbine Interchange Wins Transportation Industry Awards

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The innovative turbine interchange design at I-485 and I-85 saved an estimated \$30 million.

The turbine interchange at Interstate 485 and Interstate 85 in Mecklenburg County has been open to traffic for only a few months, but the interchange's innovative design is already being recognized with transportation industry awards.

The interchange is the first of its kind in the state and is now a southeast regional winner in the America's Transportation Awards "Under Budget" category. The project also received the National Award of Merit from the Design-Build Institute of America.

The turbine interchange design saved the state an estimated \$30 million by using less right-of-way, utilizing smaller bridges and reducing the impact to traffic during construction. The completed interchange utilizes left-turning ramps that move vehicles around the interchange in a spiral pattern.

"NCDOT is always looking for ways to implement new, innovative solutions that make travel more efficient," said Scott Cole, acting division engineer for NCDOT's Division 10. "This turbine interchange is just one example of those efforts paying off to save taxpayers money."

The final segment of I-485 opened to traffic on June 5.

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Division 10 Board Member:

Tracy F. Dodson

Tracy Finch Dodson has spent 22 years in Charlotte and has more than 16 years of experience in diverse aspects of real estate development.



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She was sworn in as a member of the N.C. Board of Transportation in March.

"I'm honored to have the opportunity to represent Division 10," Dodson said. "We have an incredible and dedicated team that is focused on the continued growth and success of our transportation systems."



Tracy F. Dodson

Dodson graduated from UNC-Charlotte, where she earned bachelor's degrees in architecture and psychology. She went on to earn a master's degree in design studies from the Harvard Graduate School of Design, where her concentration was in real estate and urban development.

Dodson is currently a vice president at Lincoln Harris, where she works in large-scale development and brokerage services. She has extensive knowledge in coordinating public/private projects, facilitating infrastructure improvements to enhance economic development and working to balance the needs of multiple entities to achieve the best economic results for Charlotte.

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